

TRAVEL & SAVETY TIPS FOR TOURISTS IN SOUTH AFRICA

ON THE STREETS

- All cities are dangerous as many thugs operate in them, even in South Africa!
- If possible, carry your own luggage and bags at the airport, bus and train stations. Please ask your friendly driver or staff for help at your hostel, hotel or guest house.
- Do not carry large sums of cash with you and split the cash and cards between travellers. Try and carry only the amount of cash and one credit card for your day trip that you might need.
- Avoid using a handbag and outside pockets, rather carry your valuables either in your inside pockets or a strong shoulder bag or money belt under your clothes that isn't visible.
- Use a small purse with small change and notes in public areas or when you have to shop in crowded places

REMEMBER: WHEN THEY BUMP, THEY STEAL!

- Photographic equipment and cellular phones should also be carried with caution when you are in public places.
- Do not leave your equipment near open windows or visible on your bed, pedestals or on your car seats when you drive.
- Make regular downloads and backup CD's of your precious photo's and memories.
- Your cash, credit card and Passport are safest when it is locked in the room or hotel safe (if applicable) or request the safe keeping at the hostel or hotel manager.
- Remain in a group, if possible, and try not to wonder off all on your own.
- Dress conservatively and try not to wear or display flashy jewellery.

TRAVEL BY CAR IN SOUTH AFRICA

- Never leave any valuables on your car seats that are visible to pedestrians as this will avoid a "smash and grab" incident.
- Rather lock them in your boot/trunk or place your handbag under your seat. This includes cellular handsets.
- Keep your doors locked at all times and be aware of pedestrians or street vendors around your car when you stop at an intersection or traffic light.
- Drive to a fuel or petrol garage if you need directions or a safe place to stop or rest for a while.
- Be aware of the mini busses at all times as they stop anywhere to off load or pick up passengers.

IN CASE OF THEFT OR ROBBERY

- Cancel all your credit cards and travellers cheques when they are stolen or lost.
- Your hostel or hotel manager will assist you with the process and contact numbers for the local police and embassy, if required.
- **Emergency number from mobile or cellular phone: 112**
- **Local Police department 10111**

MOST IMPORTANT: STAY ALERT AT ALL TIMES